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FUJIKURA MAO

THE VIVID ROMANCE OF 17 YEAR OLDS.

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WOW~~
SO CUTE
I WAS UP UNTIL 2 AM PAINTING THEM LAST NIGHT...
Because of that, I'm so sleepy
sparkle
sparkle

I HAVE MANICURE EQUIPMENT AT MY HOUSE, SO IT'LL BE CHEAPER.
IT'S SO GREAT THAT SARI CAN DO IT HERSELF.
IT'S CHEAPER THAN GETTING THEM DONE AT A SHOP.
WE ONLY NEED TO BUY RIKTEKS PAINTING COLOR, SO THE TOTAL WILL BE ONLY 200 YEN.
EH..!? CAN WE REALLY ...!?
THEN LET'S BUY THE POLISH AND DO IT TOGETHER!
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THEN I WANT A FLASHY RED. IS THAT OK?
OK, OK.
SFX SMACK
MIZUHARA, YOU HAVEN'T HANDED IN THE CAREER SURVEY YET.
THE TEACHER HAS ALREADY ASKED FOR IT.
AH CRAP! I FORGOT!!
YOU'LL HAVE TO HAND IT IN YOURSELF.
OK.
WHY HAVEN'T YOU HANDED IT IN?

I'M GOING TO FIND WORK AFTER HIGH SCHOOL.
I'M AIMING FOR THE ENGLISH LITERATURE DEPARTMENT IN S-UNIVERSITY.
EH?/ I'VE ALREADY THOUGHT ABOUT IT SERIOUSLY.
NOBODY REALLY KNOWS WHAT THEY WANT TO DO YET.
BECAUSE IT'S TOO EARLY TO DECIDE. WE STILL HAVE TWO YEARS HERE!
TAKA WANTS TO ENTER H-COLLEGE.
HEH?
I SEE...
EVERYONE IS ALREADY THINKING ABOUT THEIR FUTURES SERIOUSLY...
WHILE I... HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT I'D DO TWO YEARS FROM NOW.
16
17
LIBRARY

I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY GOALS TO ACCOMPLISH.
OH NO.
WHAT SHOULD I WRITE IN THE CAREER SURVEY?
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THAT'S ...
KUROIWA FROM MY CLASS.
I DON'T KNOW KUROIWA VERY WELL.
ISN'T HE ON THE BASKETBALL TEAM?
IS HE THAT SERIOUS?
WHAT? COULD HE BE STUDYING!?
BUT THERE ISN'T A TEST!

ACK
OH, MAYBE HE'S STUDYING FOR NEXT YEAR'S EXAM...
HE DOESN'T ACT THAT WAY IN CLASS
WHAT TIME IS IT!? THE SUN'S ALREADY SETTING!!
SENIORS

WOW, HE'S STILL STUDYING!?
EH!? UHH...
DAMN, I WAS GOING TO GO HOME EARLY TODAY.
started
HEH!?
OH, MIZUHARA!
started
DIDN'T YOU NOTICE ME SITTING NEXT TO YOU?
I SAW YOU STUDYING SO SERIOUSLY. WERE YOU PREPARING FOR THE NEXT LESSON?
NO, I WAS STUDYING FOR THE EXAM.
STUDYING FOR THE EXAM!? STARTING NOW?
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TOO EARLY TO START NOW?
WOULDN'T YOU BE CONSTANTLY STUDYING, KUROIWA?

WELL, I AM AIMING FOR MEDICAL SCHDOL.
MEDICAL SCHOOL!?
EH!? DON'T YOU PLAY BASKETBALL? THAT'S SO DIFFERENT!!
NO, LAST YEAR I INJURED MY LEG AND QUIT BASKETBALL.
OH, IS THAT SO ...
SORRY, I DIDN'T KNOW.
MY LEG IS FINE NOW, NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, MIZUHARA? WHY WERE YOU HERE SO LATE?
OH THAT-

I WAS SKETCHING A FLOWER FROM A PHOTO COLLECTION.
IS IT FOR THE ART CLUB?
AH~ NO! IT'S FOR THIS!!
TA~DA
IT'S A REFERENCE FOR DRAWING NAIL ART.
WOW, FOR THAT!! AWESOME.
IS PAINTING NAILS POPULAR NOW?
YUP. THAT'S WHY I DID THIS.
HEH, IT'S PRETTY.
IT LOOKS LIKE A FLOWER GARDEN.

AHAHA, A WITCH!
BUT ...
YOU SAID THAT LIKE AN OLD WITCH WOULD.
KU-KUROIWA, THAT SOUNDED SO WRONG.
IT'S MY FIRST TIME BEING COMPLIMENTED LIKE THAT
IF I'M A WITCH, THEN I'LL TRY TO MAKE THIS PRETTY FLOWER BLOOM.
KUROIWA.

REAL-
IZED
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I I
WAS SO
SURPRISED
EH... A
LITTLE.
released
ACK...
I... I SAID
SOMETHING
EMBARRASSING
HE SUDDENLY
GRABBED MY
HAND
doki
doki
doki
clack...
clack
EH.. A
BASKETBALL?

LAST YEAR I INJURED MY LEG
AND QUIT BASKET-BALL.
I WONDER WHY HE SAID HE QUIT?
AAHH
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KUROIWA!?

throw
SWISH
AMAZING!!!
KUROIWA, WHY?
YOU'RE REALLY GOOD.
EVEN NOW, IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO RETURN.
EVEN THE COACH HAD HOPES FOR YOU.
MANAGER ...
BECAUSE YOU WERE A STARTER.
I... I'VE TOLD YOU, IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF THE INJURY,

KURO-IWA-KUN!
SO I'M GOING NOW.
THE COACH WILL BE HERE ANY TIME NOW.
Hey, don't make that face
found out
I'VE ALREADY DECIDED.
MY ANSWER IS STILL THE SAME, NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU ASK ME.

KUROIWA-KUN.
SAY, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE GOOD AT IT ...
WHY DID YOU QUIT BASKET-BALL?
I TOLD YOU YESTERDAY THAT I'M AIMING FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL.
I DON'T UNDER-STAND WHY YOU CHOSE TO GIVE IT UP.
WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY DECIDE TO ENTER MEDICAL SCHOOL? DO YOU WANT TO BE A DOCTOR?

I WANT TO BE A SPORTS PHYSICIAN.
SPORTS PHYSICIAN!?
YES.
WHAT IS THAT?
IS THAT A DOCTOR WHO CAN RUN FAST IF THERE'S EMERGENCY SURGERY?
Buzz buzz
OF COURSE NOT!!
TO PUT IT SIMPLY, A SPORTS PHYSICIAN TREATS INJURIES AT A SPORTS EVENT AND THEN HELPS WITH PHYSICAL THERAPY.
THEY ALSO TREAT OTHER SPORTS-RELATED INJURIES.
LAST YEAR, THE DOCTOR WHO TOOK CARE OF ME WAS SO KIND AND PATIENT...

TREATMENT FOCUSES ON "GETTING A PLAYER BACK IN THE GAME".
DURING THE POST-SURGERY THERAPY, I LEARNED THE REAL MEANING OF "GETTING BACK TO 100%".
EVEN AFTER AN INJURY IS HEALED, THE DOCTOR HAS TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE PLAYER FOR A WHILE, WHICH SEEMS LIKE A BIG RESPONSIBILITY.
I CAN STILL CLEARLY SEE THE SAME ENTHUSIASM AS WHEN HE PLAYED BASKETBALL!
IT SEEMS
MY INTEREST SIMPLY BEGAN AS "I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT."
UP UNTIL THEN, I WAS STILL FOCUSED ON BASKETBALL,
SO MAKING UP FOR LOST TIME IS DRIVING ME TO AN EARLY GRAVE.

WHEN I REALISTICALLY THOUGHT ABOUT WHERE I WAS AT, I GOT QUITE A SHOCK.
HA HA
BUT IF YOU'RE SERIOUS, DON'T REGRET YOUR DECISION. YOU SHOULD STUDY SERIOUSLY FROM NOW ON.
IF YOU'RE FOCUSED ON IT, I'M SURE YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT.
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I'M ENVIOUS OF YOU ...
YOU HAVE A DREAM YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH.
AS FOR ME, I HAVEN'T FOUND ANYTHING
THAT GAVE ME THE FEELING OF BEING "ON THE RIGHT TRACK."

WH-WHAT!?
WHAT ABOUT THIS?
CAN'T THIS BE YOUR DREAM?
HUH?
GRAB
!?
THEN I REALIZED EVERYONE AROUND ME ALREADY HAS THEIR OWN VISION. I DON'T WANT TO BE HASTY BUT—

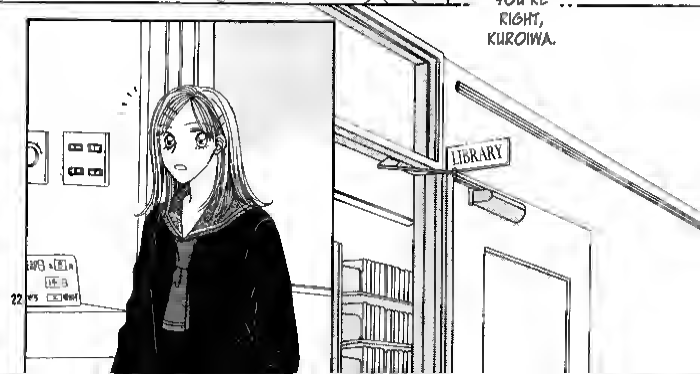
AFTER I SAW YOU IN THE LIBRARY LAST TIME, I WATCHED A LATE NIGHT SHOW.
IT SHOWED A BUSINESS RELATED TO FINGERNAILS. SOMETHING CALLED "NAIL"...
Yup, that one.
Nail art

WHILE WATCHING THAT PROGRAM,
I THOUGHT "AH, MIZUHARA CAN SHOOT FOR THAT."
dokun
dokun
dokun
ME?
I... I'D LIKE TO...
BUT I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START.
WHY NOT TRY FINDING OUT?
MY PARENTS MIGHT BE AGAINST IT—
YOU HAVEN'T SAID ANYTHING YET, SO YOU CAN'T BE CERTAIN.
B-BUT THIS IS ONLY A HOBBY.
I HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT IT SERIOUSLY.
THEN WHY NOT MAKE THAT YOUR NEXT OBJECTIVE?
AS SIMPLE AS THAT?
shocked

CLENCH
ISN'T IT TOO EARLY TO GIVE UP NOW?
IF NOTHING COMES OF IT, THEN IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
THAT'S WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY TO FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF.
ACK
I'M ON MY WAY TO THROW OUT THE TRASH.
WHERE'S THE TRASH BIN?
ISN'T IT BACK THERE?
RIGHT
THAT'S RIGHT IF YOU HAVEN'T TRIED, YOU DON'T KNOW, RIGHT?
AH, THE THOUGHT SETS MY HEART POUNDING

LET'S BOTH GIVE IT OUR BEST.
KUROIWA...
CLICK.
CLICK.

OH, THIS PATTERN IS CUTE. ♡
I SEE. THERE'S ALSO A NAIL TECH SCHOOL OUT THERE.
Hmm
chck chck
IT LOOKS LIKE A FLOWER GARDEN.


YOU'RE RIGHT, KUROIWA.
LIBRARY

WHY ARE THEY IN THE LIBRARY TOGETHER!?
WHY...?
AH
THAT'S THE BASKET-BALL MANAGER
clatter
I WANTED TO DISCUSS WHAT I FOUND ON THE INTERNET LAST NIGHT.
THOSE TWO...
WHAT'S THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEM!?
pat
COULD SHE BE KUROIWA'S—

WOW, YOU'RE SKETCHING AGAIN TODAY?
KUROIWA!
EH, WHERE'S THE MANAGER?
YOU MEAN KASAI? SHE WENT HOME. DO YOU KNOW HER?
TH-THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.
SO HER NAME IS KASAI-SAN.
SHE KEPT ASKING ME TO RETURN TO BASKET-BALL CLUB.
YESTERDAY'S GAME WAS JUST SAYING HELLO TO MY OLD TEAM-MATES.
IS THAT SO?
SO THAT'S WHY THEY WERE TOGETHER.
HUH? WHY DO I CARE SO MUCH!?
OH, YOUR FINGER-NAILS ARE MORE "GROWN-UP" TODAY.
EH!? THIS IS FOR PRACTICING MASSAGE.

THAT'S RIGHT KUROIWA, LET ME PRACTICE ON YOUR PALM.
HUH?
IN A SALON, BEFORE DOING A MANICURE,
THEY MASSAGE THE HAND FOR RELAX-ATION
I FOUND IT ON THE INTER-NET.
KUROIWA, YOU STUDY A LOT, SO DOESN'T YOUR SHOULDER FEEL TENSE?
WE CAN RELIEVE IT THROUGH THE PALM.
AH...
KUROIWA'S HAND IS BIG.
I WONDER IF IT'S BECAUSE HE PLAYED BASKETBALL.

IF I RECALLED CORRECTLY, THIS IS THE THIRD TIME I'VE HELD KUROIWA'S HAND.
DOKI
CRAP
I JUST REALIZED, I DID SOMETHING BOLD.
HYA, MY HAND IS STARTING TO SWEAT.
doki
doki
doki
REALLY ?
OH, IT FEELS GOOD.
IF IT HELPS, MAYBE HOLDING A PEN WILL BE LESS TIRING.

SPA BONK
AH...
AH, IT FELL
reach
HEHE
THANKS.
released
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OUCH
SORRY, KUROIWA ...
dok
AH...

KUROIWA...

I...
JUST NOW...
TODAY...
WITH KUROIWA...
LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER
GOING BACK HOME TOGETHER IS NICE...
BUT I'M NERVOUS. WHAT SHOULD WE TALK ABOUT..?
AH...
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THIS BANK IN SUMMER... FIREWORKS-
daydream~~

HEY,
I SEE FLOWERS POPPING OUT OF SARI'S HEAD... AM I WRONG?
daydream
NO, I SEE IT TOO...
MIZUHARA ...
doki
I HAVE A LESSON TODAY, SO I CAN'T GO TO THE LIBRARY.
OH, I SEE.
IT'S OK. GOOD LUCK!

WHAT IF WE WALK HOME TOGETHER UNTIL THE PREPARATION COURSE?
OK.
KYA—!

THOUGH IT WAS AWKWARD, BUT... I'M HAPPY!
JUST NOW WAS A REAL CONVERSATION,
YESTERDAY'S KISS CAUGHT ME BY SURPRISE...
BUT I DIDN'T DISLIKE IT.
ALSO, WITH THE SETTING SUN AS A BACK-GROUND...
SFX PULL
HEY, WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?
EH? WHAT WAS WHAT!?
OWW.
blush
IT LOOKED LIKE A SCENE FROM A DRAMA.

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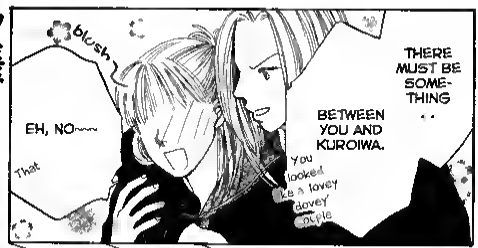

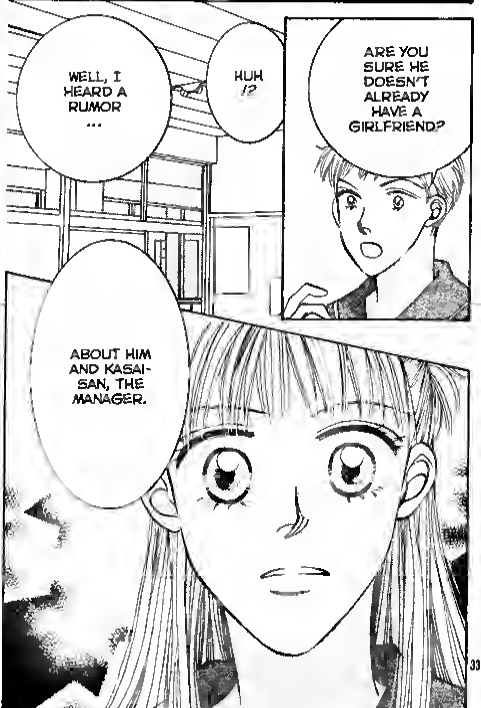

WE'RE NOT OFFICIALLY GOING OUT
NO- NOTHING.
WHAT?
BUT IT'S ONLY A RUMOR.
KASAI-SAN...
LIBRARY
THAT MANAGER?
KUROIWA.
ALTHOUGH WE DID KISS, KUROIWA ...
IS IT OK IF I TALK ABOUT THAT ?
UGH... YOU'RE SO PERSIS-TENT.

KAMINUMA-SENPAI ASKED ME TO GIVE THIS K1 VIDEO TO YOU
DAMN HIM.
He had it all along
THEY'RE PRETTY CLOSE
OH, SORRY IF I DISTURBED YOU
OH, NO
WHY DID YOU APOLOGIZE ONLY TO MIZUHARA? WHAT ABOUT ME?
AH, SO YOU'RE MIZUHARA-SAN?

I HEARD THAT KUROIWA HAS HAD COMPANY IN THE LIBRARY LATELY
WHY ARE YOU HERE? ARE YOU AIMING FOR THE SAME UNIVERSITY?
AH, I'M STUDYING SOMETHING ELSE.
OH, I SEE.
THEN, WON'T YOU DISTURB KUROIWA'S STUDYING?
being together
AH ...
THAT'S TRUE.
THEN I'LL TRY MY BEST NOT TO TALK HERE.
SHE DOESN'T DISTURB ME.
A PERSON SITTING IN FRONT OF ME WON'T DISTURB ME.
I CAN'T STUDY AT ALL WHEN I'M HOME ALONE.

KUROIWA
.....
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SO EVEN THOUGH I DISTURB YOU, IT STILL MAKES YOU HAPPY, HUH?
YOU ALONE ARE ENOUGH TO DISTURB ME.
I SEE ..

SOMEHOW A RUMOR STARTED ...
THAT "KASAI-SAN LIKES KUROIWA".
BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW KUROIWA'S REAL FEELINGS.
IT MAKES ME FEEL UNEASY.
EVEN THOUGH WE KISSED...
I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THE REASON BEHIND IT.
I WANT TO KNOW THE MEANING BEHIND THAT KISS...

MC マーガレットコミックス
最新刊
大好評発売中
目が離せない！
3つの愛の形…
光る青
ふじくら真緒
定価410円〈税込〉

おたよりカモン!!

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SHE'LL PROBABLY COME TODAY AS WELL.
KASAI-SAN KEEPS APPEARING AT THE WRONG TIME.
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OH, NOT HERE!?
look around
KUROIWA HASN'T COME EITHER?
HE'S NOT IN THE CLASSROOM

!?
WH-WHAT!?
WHY..? WITH KASAI-SAN—

MIZUHARA!
!?
SFX: THUD
WAIT A MINUTE!
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK
THERE'S NOTHING GOING ON BETWEEN KASAI AND ME!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN NOTHING GOING ON? WEREN'T YOU JUST KISSING HER!?
ANGRY

YOU DON'T NEED TO EXPLAIN ANYTHING TO ME.
I'M AFRAID TO HEAR IT.
THIS WAY I DON'T NEED TO KNOW KUROIWA'S FEELINGS.
BECAUSE WE'RE NOT EVEN GOING OUT.
WE'RE ONLY CLASS-MATES
BEC...USE
THERE'S NOTHING GOING ON BETWEEN KASAI AND ME!
THAT SUDDEN KISS WITH ME WAS ONLY BECAUSE NO ONE COULD SEE US...

IT WAS THE SAME REASON FOR ME, WASN'T IT!?
Talala♪
FROM KUROI-WA...
Beep
I GUESS IT'S BETTER TO ACT LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED ...
07

AFTER THE SCENE YESTERDAY, I THINK I UNDERSTAND.
YES, IT'S JUST LIKE YOU SAID.
STAY AWAY FROM KUROIWA FROM NOW ON.
THAT'S NOT MY PROBLEM.

WE'RE ONLY GOING BACK TO THE WAY IT WAS BEFORE...
WAAH— SO CUTE ♡
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS 200 YEN?
YEAH
HOW DOES IT LOOK? DOES IT MATCH ME?
THE RESULT IS LIKE A PRO'S.
KUROIWA IS ONLY ANOTHER CLASSMATE AND...
I HANG OUT WITH MY FRIENDS, AND WE TALK ABOUT OUR HOBBIES
REALLY, THIS IS LIKE THE ONE SOLD IN THE SHOP.
CUTE!

SHOCKED
UH..
EH, SARI!?
NAIL ART IS NOT ONLY A HOBBY FOR ME...
IT BECAME MY DREAM, THANKS TO KUROIWA.
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY SO SUDDENLY?
THINGS CAN'T GO BACK TO THE WAY IT WAS BEFORE...

THAT KIND OF KUROIWA
I...
SARI.
SOB
IT LOOKS LIKE A FLOWER GARDEN.
IF YOU SAY SOMETHING THAT WAY, IT CAN'T BE FORGOTTEN—

click
click
click
click
...LIKE YOU.

KUROIWA
She appear
EH !?
KUROIWA!?

AH,
WAIT, MIZUHARA!
Dash
Sfx: TURN
I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU!
WHAT
IND OF STUFF? WILL HE TELL ME NOW!?
Wobble
WHAA.
KYAAAA!
RUSTLE
Sfx: GRAB

gets up
realized
OUCH
!?
KUROIWA!?

LET ME GO!!
I LIKE YOU.
AHH ...
IF HE RETURNED TO THE CLUB, I THOUGHT WE COULD BE TOGETHER...
BUT I FAILED AFTER ALL.
HUH?
WHAT DID YOU FAIL AT, MANAGER?
NOTHING.

HUH/?
EVERY TIME I SAW THE SEAT ACROSS FROM ME,
I WANTED TO ERASE THE KISS KASAI FORCED ON ME.
YEAH.
TH-THEN IT ONLY CAME FROM KASAI?
I SEE...
BUT...
I THINK OF KISSING ...
AND HOLDING ONLY ONE PERSON. YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE FOR ME, MIZUHARA.

MIZUHARA ALONE UNDERSTOOD ME WHEN I SPOKE ABOUT MY DREAM
I FELT SO HAPPY.
THAT'S WHY I KISSED YOU THAT TIME
KUROIWA ...
BUT I REGRET THAT I DIDN'T TELL YOU PROPERLY ...
released
AAHH ...
CONFESSION FINISHED! I FINALLY SAID IT.

THOUGH I UNDERSTOOD THAT MIZUHARA REJECTED ME...
BY SAYING "WE'RE ONLY CLASSMATES" ...
I WANTED TO CLEAR UP THIS MISUNDER-STANDING.
...
closer

MIZU-
HARA
...
I ALSO REGRET NOT HONESTLY TELLING YOU MY OWN FEELINGS.
KUROIWA IS NOT ONLY ANOTHER CLASS-MATE.

I...
...ALSO LIKE YOU, KUROIWA!

REALLY?
I REALLY LIKE YOU.
embrace
I...
I LOVE YOU.

KISS
!?
KUROIWA'S KISS...
MAKES THE FLOWERS IN MY HEART BLOOM.
THE END

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